

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 924

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A RESOLUTION to commemorate 2020 as "The Year of the Eye Exam" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, eye health and vision care are important to our overall health and wellness, yet as many as sixteen million Americans struggle with undiagnosed or untreated vision impairments; and

WHEREAS, eye diseases, vision loss, and eye disorders create an estimated \$139 billion economic burden; and

WHEREAS, scheduling a comprehensive eye exam with one of America's primary eye healthcare providers, i.e., doctors of optometry, as part of one's annual healthcare routine is the simplest action that one can take to help protect vision and ensure early diagnosis of and treatment for visual system diseases such as glaucoma, a leading cause of blindness; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Association of Optometric Physicians and its member doctors of optometry educate the public each year on the importance of eye health and vision care; and

WHEREAS, during the year of 2020, doctors of optometry are taking the opportunity to encourage Tennessee's citizens to understand the importance of eye health and take care of their vision and health by making an appointment for an in-person, comprehensive eye exam; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join with doctors of optometry as they recognize the year 2020 as "The Year of the Eye Exam" in Tennessee.